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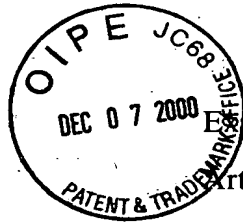
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Title: DUV-CAPABLE MICROSCOPE OBJECTIVE WITH PARFOCAL IR FOCUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 13, line 26, replace "a doublet L11a + L11b," with --an individual lens

A<sup>1</sup> L11a and a doublet L11b + L11c,--.

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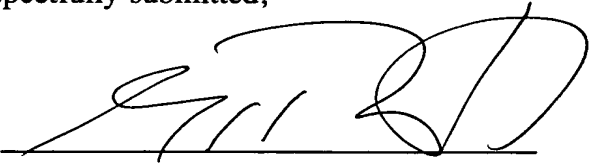
REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending. The changes to the specification are to correct an error concerning the description of Fig. 17, which shows an individual lens L11a and a doublet L11b+L11c.

Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment does not add new matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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